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SUBJECT: WRAP-UP ON FIFTH MEETING OF US-USSR JOINT
COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
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1. SUMMARY: FIFTH JCM WAS CONDUCTED JULY 6-8 IN
BUSINESS-LIKE, CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE WITH EMPHASIS ON
SCIENTIFIC SUBSTANCE. COMMISSION AGREED TO REDUCE
ACTIVITY IN AREAS OF S&T INFORMATION, INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY AND STANDARDIZATION AND APPROVED COOPERATION IN
NEW AREA OF CORROSION, PROPOSED BY SOVIETS. US PROPOSAL
TO REVIEW COMMISSION REGULATIONS AND TO SET UP NEW
PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING AND MANAGING NEW PROJECTS WAS
REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARIATS. US SIDE THUS
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ACHIEVED ITS GOAL OF INTRODUCING CONCEPT OF IMPROVED
PERFORMANCE WITH NO VISIBLE ADVERSE REACTION. VISITORS
SEEMED PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF MEETING AND ALL FEATURES
OF VISIT. SOVDEL HEAD KIRILLIN MET PRIVATELY WITH
PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISER PRESS AND WAS RECEIVED
SEPARATELY BY SECRETARY VANCE AND PRESIDENT CARTER. A NEW
FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT ON S&T COOPERATION WAS SIGNED AT THE

CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, AFTER WHICH THE SOVIETS VISITED

FIRMS IN NEW YORK AREA WHERE THEY WERE HOSTED BY IBM, BROOKHAVEN AND CONSORTIUM OF BROWN AND ROOT, TENNECO AND TEXAS EASTERN. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SMALL MEETING BEFORE COMMISSION PLENARY DR. FRANK PRESS, PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISER AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, US CO-CHAIRMAN, OUTLINED US SIDE PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTIONALIZE SELECTION AND PHASED MANAGEMENT OF NEW COOPERATIVE AREAS UNDER AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE US INTENDS TO REDUCE FUNDING IN CATALYSIS AND MICROBIOLOGY TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW PROJECTS. THE PHASES IN INTRODUCTION OF THESE NEW PROJECTS WOULD BE (1) SYMPOSIA OVER 6-12 MONTH PERIOD; (2) TRIAL COLLABORATION LEADING TO A WORK PLAN; AND (3) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS, WITH A POSSIBLE 25 SURVIVAL RATE. DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATION AND ACCESS TO PERSONS, INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION WERE CITED, WITH SPECIAL MENTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF ACCESS TO PERSONS AND PLACES EXPERIENCED BY THE CATALYSIS WORKING GROUP. V. A. KIRILLIN, THE SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN, RECEIVED THIS WELL BUT REPLIED THAT THE SOVIET SCIENTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CATALYSIS GROUP WERE REALLY THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY. HE AGREED WITH DR. PRESS' PHASED APPROACH, BUT HOPED IT WOULD NOT
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ENTAIL DELAYS.

3. IN PLENARY SESSION DR. PRESS OUTLINED HIS VIEWS ON DELIBERATE EVOLUTION OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER AGREEMENT AND YASTREBOV OF SCST REVIEWED POSITIVELY US-USSR RELATIONS UNDER THE OTHER TEN AGREEMENTS. THE ONLY DIFFICULTIES NOTED WERE THE DELAYS IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN HOUSING AND ENERGY. DR. GANLEY IN HIS RESPONSE ALSO TOOK POSITIVE APPROACH, BUT DID MENTION TROUBLE AREAS SUCH AS SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION, ACCESS TO UNPUBLISHED SOVIET DATA, ITINERARIES AND HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS, AND POOR DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS.

4. ON BASIS OF REPORTS ON ALL 12 WORKING GROUPS, COMMISSION AGREED TO CONTINUE WORK ON CHEMICAL CATALYSIS, ELECTROMETALLURGY, APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTERS, MICROBIOLOGY, METROLOGY, FORESTRY, WATER RESOURCES, PHYSICS AND SCIENCE POLICY BUT TO REDUCE ACTIVITY ON S&T INFORMATION, STANDARDIZATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. COOPERATION IN THE NEW AREA OF CORROSION WAS APPROVED, AS REQUESTED BY SOVIETS.

5. IN HIS REVIEW OF MEETING DR. PRESS SAID TOTAL ACTIVITY SHOULD REMAIN CONSTANT BUT REITERATED THE

IMPORTANCE OF NEW PROJECTS. NO ONE BLINKED WHEN HE SAID WORKING GROUP GUIDELINES SHOULD NAME BOTH PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS THAT WOULD TAKE PART. UNDER FINAL AGENDA ITEM BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIATS, NOT A TEMPORARY SUBCOMMITTEE, SHOULD REVIEW THE OPERATING REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION, RECOMMEND NEW PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING PROJECTS AND MANAGING THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND SUGGEST NEW COOPERATIVE AREAS, REPORTING BACK TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

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6. ON JULY 7, WHILE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (INCLUDING MOSCOW SCICOUNS GREENBERG) PREPARED RECORD, SOVDEL WENT TO CONTROL DATA CORPORATION AND GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER. BEFORE SEEING THE SECRETARY (REFTEL), KIRILLIN MET WITH DR. PRESS PRIVATELY AND WAS INFORMED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD NEARLY DENIED APPROVAL FOR SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION TO NEW YORK, BUT HAD NOT, WISHING TO SPARE KIRILLIN FROM PERSONAL EMBARRASSMENT. DR. PRESS NEVERTHELESS TOLD HIM HOW SERIOUSLY WE VIEW THE THREE RECENT DENIALS OF SIMILAR APPROVAL FOR MOSCOW EMBASSY OFFICERS TO ACCOMPANY US DELEGATIONS IN SOVIET UNION.

7. RECORD ADOPTED WAS ESSENTIALLY US DRAFT BASED ON AGREED SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION SECTIONS OF JOINT WORKING GROUP REPORTS. NO DIFFICULTIES WERE ENCOUNTERED EXCEPT NORMAL COMPARISON OF RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH TEXTS.

8. PRESS DELIVERED ESPECIALLY GRACIOUS TOAST AT LUNCHEON JULY 6 IN THOMAS JEFFERSON ROOM, CITING HIS LONG COLLABORATION WITH SOVIET SCIENTISTS. DEPUTY SECRETARY HOSTED RECEPTION IN PRESIDENTIAL SUITE OF SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY JULY 6. MARSHALL SHULMAN AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND WERE AMONG ATTENDEES. AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN RECIPROCATED JULY 7. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES GAVE LUNCHEON FOLLOWING SIGNING ON JULY 8.

9. JULY 8 SIGNING CEREMONY WAS WELL ATTENDED AND RECEIVED GOOD PRESS COVERAGE. DEPARTMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY UNDER SECRETARY BENSON. TV CLIPS APPEARED ON EVENING NEWS.

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10. JULY 8 PRESIDENTIAL CALL BY KIRILLIN WAS ATTENDED BY PRESS AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN. VISIT ALSO COVERED ON EVENING TV.

11. VISIT TO NEW YORK AND ENVIRONS WAS WELL LIKED BY SOVDEL. FACT THAT A YACHT TRIP IN NEW YORK HARBOR AND

LONG ISLAND SOUND ON SUNDAY, JULY 10 WAS INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE WAS PROBABLE CAUSE FOR SOVIET WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN BORODOVCHENKO, BORESKOV AND ANTONOV TO LEAVE THEIR US COUNTERPARTS AND THE SEPARATE SCHEDULES THAT HAD BEEN SET UP FOR THEM. PROMISEL HAD ARRANGED FOR ANTONOV TO VISIT US STEEL, AFTER SOME CONSIDERABLE EFFORT; ACS HAD SET UP SPECIAL TRIP FOR BORESKOV; BUTCHER HAD DONE SAME FOR BORODOVCHENKO; AND STAEHLE WAS PREPARED TO DO SAME FOR KOLOTYRKIN. ALL FOR NAUGHT.

12. FOLLOWING LUNCHEON SATURDAY, JULY 9, KIRILLIN AND KEY ADVISORS RECEIVED BRIEFING FROM PRESIDENT FEEHAN OF BROWN AND ROOT, PRESIDENT RAY OF TENNECO, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES ON BAKU AND NORTH STAR PROJECTS. FORMER PROJECT, ACTUALLY BEING ARRANGED BY UK SUBSIDIARY OF BROWN AND ROOT AND BEING FINANCED TOTALLY FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES, INVOLVES EXPORT OF ABOUT \$20 MILLION IN US TECHNOLOGY IN DRILLING PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION, AND ABOUT \$20 MILLION US HARDWARE IN FORM OF HEAVY DUTY (LIFT CAPACITY UP TO 500 TONS) MOVEABLE CRANES. US SIDE REQUESTED QUICK CHOICE BETWEEN BROWN AND ROOT PROPOSAL AND ONLY COMPETITOR MCDERMOTT OF US AND MITSUBISHI OF JAPAN, AS MUCH EXECUTIVE AND TECHNICAL TALENT HAS BEEN TIED UP ON THIS PROJECT. ON LATTER PROJECT, US SIDE SIMPLY REVIEWED ITS BASIC IDEAS AND URGED SOVIET GOVERNMENT MAKE DECISION SOON SO IT COULD BE INCLUDED IN FIVE-YEAR PLAN BEGINNING 1980. INTERVENING TWO YEARS COULD BE USED BY US SIDE TO PREPARE PLANS AND STUDIES. CONSORTIUM MEMBERS WERE
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SUFFICIENTLY SATISFIED WITH KIRILLIN'S EXPRESSION OF CONTINUED INTEREST TO DECIDE TO APPROACH NEW US ADMINISTRATION FOR INFORMAL ADVANCE APPROVAL OF PROJECT. SUCH INFORMAL APPROVAL HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM FORD ADMINISTRATION ACCORDING TO CONSORTIUM SPOKESMAN.

13. ON JULY 11 TWO THIRDS OF DELEGATION VISITED IBM

RESEARCH CENTER AND BROOKHAVEN LAB. KIRILLIN WAS IN
FORMER GROUP, AND WENT AHEAD OF REST TO PAY COURTESY
CALL ON FRANK CAREY, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD. BOTH GROUPS
APPEARED SATISFIED WITH VISITS. TUESDAY WAS FREE IN
WASHINGTON, WITH DEPARTURE IN EVENING. VANCE

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